

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** By Chairwoman Elsie Arntzen, on January 13, 2009  
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)  
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)  
Rep. Michael More (R)  
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Diane Sands (D)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 61, HB 181  
Executive Action: HB 181, HB 45

00:00:01 Meeting called to order

**HEARING ON HB 61**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:28 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 61,  
Revise interlibrary program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:55 Darlene Staffeldt, State Librarian, State Library  
Commission

**EXHIBIT(loh07a01)**

00:11:56 Ron Moody, Lewistown, MT., Vice Chair, Montana State  
Library Commission

00:16:43 Lois Fitzpatrick, Montana Library Association

**EXHIBIT(loh07a02)**

(Rep. Stahl arrived)

00:18:33 John Finn, Hearst Free Library, Public Library of  
Anaconda

**EXHIBIT(loh07a03)**

00:19:25 Linda Stoll, Missoula County

00:19:53 Judy Hart, Lewis and Clark Library, Broad Valleys  
Federation of Libraries

00:20:57 Honore Bray, Missoula Public Library, Tamarack  
Federation

**EXHIBIT(loh07a04)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:23:17 Rep. Ingraham

00:23:35 Ms. Staffeldt

00:23:51 Rep. Ingraham

00:24:15 Ms. Staffeldt

00:25:13 Rep. Ingraham

00:25:32 Ms. Staffeldt

00:26:34 Rep. Ingraham

00:26:47 Ms. Staffeldt

00:27:17 Rep. Berry

00:27:23 Rep. Sesso

00:27:24 Rep. Berry

00:27:34 Rep. Sesso  
00:29:46 Rep. Menahan  
00:30:41 Ms. Staffeldt  
00:32:03 Chairwoman Arntzen  
00:32:09 Rep. Menahan  
00:32:14 Chairwoman Arntzen  
00:32:49 Rep. Sesso  
00:34:03 Chairwoman Arntzen  
00:34:12 Rep. Sesso  
00:34:15 Chairwoman Arntzen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:34:21 Rep. Sesso

**HEARING ON HB 181**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:36:59 Rep. Ken Peterson (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 181, Authorize design-build water and sewer districts.

[EXHIBIT\(loh07a05\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:42:38 Richard Larsen, Former Mayor of Billings

[EXHIBIT\(loh07a06\)](#)

00:48:25 Rep. William Glaser, HD 44, Huntley

00:51:55 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

00:54:34 Gary Forester, Lockwood Sewer and Water Board

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:56:52 Rep. Ingraham  
00:57:37 Mr. Larsen  
00:57:58 Rep. Berry  
00:58:30 Mr. Hegreberg  
00:59:17 Rep. Berry  
00:59:36 Mr. Hegreberg  
01:00:19 Rep. Stahl  
01:01:45 Rep. Peterson  
01:02:26 Rep. Vance  
01:02:45 Rep. Peterson  
01:03:21 Rep. Vance

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:03:36 Rep. Peterson

01:05:17 Chairwoman Arntzen

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 45**

01:06:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 45 DO PASS.**  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Sands  
and Rep. Hands voted by proxy.

01:07:54 Rep. Ingraham

01:08:06 Rep. More

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 181**

01:08:29 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Stahl moved that **HB 181 DO PASS.**  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Sands  
and Rep. Hands voted by proxy.

01:09:00 Chairwoman Arntzen

01:10:05 Rep. Ebinger

01:10:10 Chairwoman Arntzen

**Additional Document**

Map explaining Tamarack and Golden Plains library federation

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:10:35 Adjournment

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Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([loh07aad.pdf](#))**